

February 6, 2002

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Masashi ANDO, Noboru ISHIDA, Satoshi SUGAYA, Takafumi OSHIMA, Norihiko NADANAMI, Takaki OTSUKA, Yoshikuni SATO, Tatsuo OKUMURA and Yasuhisa KUZUYA
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING NO_x GAS
CONCENTRATION FOR DETECTING EXHAUST GAS CONCENTRATION
AND FOR CALIBRATING AND CONTROLLING GAS SENSOR
Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q67810



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/045,938 (Confirmation No. 1624) filed March 23, 1998 of Masashi ANDO, Noboru ISHIDA, Satoshi SUGAYA, Takafumi OSHIMA, Norihiko NADANAMI, Takaki OTSUKA, Yoshikuni SATO, Tatsuo OKUMURA and Yasuhisa KUZUYA entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING NO_x GAS CONCENTRATION FOR DETECTING EXHAUST GAS CONCENTRATION AND FOR CALIBRATING AND CONTROLLING GAS SENSOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 28 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application. We also enclose a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1744.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	9-087361	March 21, 1997
Japan	9-130354	May 2, 1997
Japan	9-224225	August 6, 1997
Japan	9-264972	September 11, 1997

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/045,938.



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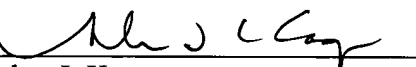
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1160.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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